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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (THAP)+14 POLICY CHANGE

This is to advise your Board of our plans regarding a policy change for the Temporary Homeless Assistance Program (THAP)+14 effective January 1, 2007, and to be continued through Fiscal Year (FY) 07-08.

The Temporary Homeless Assistance Program (THAP)+14 provides an additional 14 days of temporary shelter payments for homeless CalWORKs families to remain housed in motel/hotels or paid emergency shelters while they are looking for permanent housing. Currently, only families who are active or agree to participate in Welfare-to-Work activities or post time-limited services are eligible to receive these benefits.

Effective January 1, 2007, we will implement an additional eligibility requirement that families have been referred to and are working with a Housing Locator (HL). This policy change is necessary because the funding for THAP+14 budgeted for FY 06-07 has already been exhausted, as a result of higher-than-projected utilization and an increase in the daily rate under the State's temporary homeless assistance program, on which our THAP +14 program is based. We have identified additional CalWORKs Single Allocation funding to sustain THAP +14 at the reduced expenditure level that will result from this new eligibility requirement. The requirement that families be working with a Housing Locator will target those families where the additional THAP +14 benefits are most likely to help the family secure permanent housing.

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